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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	,
IN RE WORLD TRADE CENTER DISASTER SITE LITIGATION	21 MC 100 (AKH)
ROBERT MEHMEL AND KATHLEEN MEHMEL	DOCKET NO.
Plaintiffs,  - against -  A RUSSO WRECKING, ET. AL.,  SEE ATTACHED RIDER,	CHECK-OFF ("SHORT FORM") COMPLAINT RELATED TO THE MASTER COMPLAINT PLAINTIFF(S) DEMAND A TRIAL BY JURY
Defendants.	
By Order of the Honorable Alvin K. Ho 2006, ("the Order"), Amended Master Complaint	ellerstein, United States District Judge, dated June 22, as for all Plaintiffs were filed on August 18, 2006.
NOTI	CE OF ADOPTION
All headings and paragraphs in the Master Complaint are applicable to and are adopted by the instant $Paintiff(s)$ as if fully set forth herein in addition to those paragraphs specific to the individual $Plaintiff(s)$ , which are listed below. These are marked with an ' $\checkmark$ '' if applicable to the instant $Plaintiff(s)$ , and specific case information is set forth, as needed, below.	
Plaintiffs ROBERT MEHMEL AND KA	THLEEN MEHMEL by his/her/their attorneys

Plaintiffs, ROBERT MEHMEL AND KATHLEEN MEHMEL, by his/her/their attorneys WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP, complaining of Defendant(s), respectfully allege:

	I. PARTIES
	A. PLAINTIFF(S)
1. and a citizen o	☑ Plaintiff, ROBERT MEHMEL (hereinafter the "Injured Plaintiff"), is an individual of New York residing at 47-34 44th Street, Woodside, NY 11377-0000.
2.	Alternatively, \( \sum_{\text{ is the }} \) of Decedent \( \text{ and brings this claim in his (her) capacity as of the Estate of } \).
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3. York residing Injured Plainti	<ul> <li>✓ Plaintiff, Kathleen Mehmel (herein at 47-34 44th Street, Woodside, NY 11 iff:</li> <li>✓ SPOUSE at all relevant times herein street.</li> </ul>	1377-0000, and has the follo	owing relationship to the
		nd (his wife), Plaintiff ROB Other:	ERT MEHMEL.
4. local #580 as a	In the period from 9/12/2001 to 9/13/2 a Burned beams for transport; searched for		rked for Ironworkes
F	Please be as specific as possible when fi	lling in the following dates o	and locations
======================================	Trade Center Site	======================================	
	e., building, quadrant, etc.)	From on or about	ııntil ·
From on or about _9/12/2001_ until _9/13/2001_; Approximately _14_ hours per day; for		Approximately	hours per day; for
	$y \underline{2}$ days total.	□ Other:* For injured place	aintiffs who worked at
From on or ab	York City Medical Examiner's Office out, hours per day; for	Non-WTC Site building or plaintiff worked at the add dates alleged, for the hours days, and for the ampleyed	ress/location, for the s per day, for the total
Approximatel	y days total.	days, and for the employer	, as specified below.
□ The Fresh	Kills Landfill	From on or about Approximately	
	oout;	Approximately	ž •
	y hours per day; for y days total.	Name and Address of Nor Building/Worksite:	-WTC Site
	nis information on a separate sheet of pa "Other" locations, please annex a separa		<u> </u>
5.	Injured Plaintiff		
	✓ Was exposed to and breathed n above;	oxious fumes on all dates, a	t the site(s) indicated
	Was exposed to and inhaled or dates at the site(s) indicated above;	ingested toxic substances as	nd particulates on all
	Was exposed to and absorbed of the site(s) indicated above;	or touched toxic or caustic su	ab stances on all dates at
	✓ Other: Not yet determined.		

6.

Injured	d Plaintiff
☑	Has not made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund. Pursuant to §405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
	Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was denied. Pursuant to § $405(c)(3)(B)(i)$ of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
	Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund, that was subsequently withdrawn by Ground-Zero Plaintiff. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, the issue of waiver is inapplicable.
	Made a claim to the Victim Compensation Fund that was granted. Pursuant to § 405(c)(3)(B)(i) of the Air Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act, 49 U.S.C. § 40101, Ground Zero-Plaintiff has waived her/his right(s) to pursue any further legal action for the injuries identified in said claim.

## B. DEFENDANT(S)

The following is a list of all Defendant(s) named in the Master Complaint. If checked, all paragraphs pertaining to that Defendant are deemed pleaded herein.

☐ THE CITY OF NEW YORK	☑ A RUSSO WRECKING
☐ A Notice of Claim was timely filed and	✓ ABM INDUSTRIES, INC.
served on and	☑ ABM JANITORIAL NORTHEAST, INC.
pursuant to General Municipal Law §50-	✓ AMEC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT,
	INC.
h the CITY held a hearing on(OR)	✓ AMEC EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
☐ The City has yet to hold a hearing as	✓ ANTHONY CORTESE SPECIALIZED
required by General Municipal Law §50-h	HAULING, LLC, INC.
$\square$ More than thirty days have passed and	☑ ATLANTIC HEYDT CORP
the City has not adjusted the claim	☑ BECHTEL ASSOCIATES PROFESSIONAL
(OR)	CORPORATION
☐ An Order to Show Cause application to	☑ BECHTEL CONSTRUCTION, INC.
☐ deem Plaintiff's (Plaintiffs') Notice of	☑ BECHTEL CORPORATION
Claim timely filed, or in the alternative to grant	☑ BECHTEL ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
Plaintiff(s) leave to file a late Notice of Claim	☑ BERKEL & COMPANY, CONTRACTORS,
Nunc Pro Tunc (for leave to file a late Notice of	INC.
Claim <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> ) has been filed and a	☑ BIG APPLE WRECKING & CONSTRUCTION
determination	CORP
$\square$ is pending	☐ BOVIS LEND LEASE, INC.
☐ Granting petition was made on	☑ BOVIS LEND LEASE LMB, INC.
☐ Denying petition was made on	☑ BREEZE CARTING CORP
	☑ BREEZE NATIONAL, INC.
☐ PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND	☑ BRER-FOUR TRANSPORTATION CORP.
NEW JERSEY ["PORT AUTHORITY"]	☑ BURO HAPPOLD CONSULTING ENGINEERS,
☐ A Notice of Claim was filed and served	P.C.
pursuant to Chapter 179, §7 of The	☑ C.B. CONTRACTING CORP
Unconsolidated Laws of the State of New	☑ CANRON CONSTRUCTION CORP
York on	☐ CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF
☐ More than sixty days have elapsed since	NEW YORK, INC.
the Notice of Claim was filed, (and)	☑ CORD CONTRACTING CO., INC
☐ the PORT AUTHORITY has	☐ CRAIG TEST BORING COMPANY INC.
adjusted this claim	☑ DAKOTA DEMO-TECH
☐ the PORT AUTHORITY has not	☑ DIAMOND POINT EXCAVATING CORP
adjusted this claim.	☑ DIEGO CONSTRUCTION, INC.
	☑ DIVERSIFIED CARTING, INC.
□ 1 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	✓ DMT ENTERPRISE, INC.
☐ 1 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	☑ D'ONOFRIO GENERAL CONTRACTORS CORP
□ 2 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	☑ EAGLE LEASING & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY
□ 2 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	☑ EAGLE CEASING & INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIFE EAGLE ONE ROOFING CONTRACTORS INC.
□ 4 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	☐ EAGLE SCAFFOLDING CO, INC.
□ 4 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	☑ EAGLE SCAFFOLDING CO, INC. ☑ EJ DAVIES, INC.
☐ 5 WORLD TRADE CENTER, LLC	☑ ES DAVIES, INC. ☑ EN-TECH CORP
☐ 5 WTC HOLDINGS, LLC	□ ET ENVIRONMENTAL
☐ 7 WORLD TRADE COMPANY, L.P.	□EVANS ENVIRONMENTAL

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☐ OTHER:

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☑ SAB TRUCKING INC.

✓ SAFEWAY ENVIRONMENTAL CORP

☑ SEASONS INDUSTRIAL CONTRACTING

✓ YONKERS CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC.

✓ YORK HUNTER CONSTRUCTION, LLC

☑ ZIEGENFUSS DRILLING, INC.

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☐ Non-WTC Site Building Owner	☐ Non-WTC Site Building Managing Agent
Name:	Name:
Business/Service Address:	
Building/Worksite Address:	Building/Worksite Address:
☐ Non-WTC Site Lessee	
Name:	
Business/Service Address:	
Building/Worksite Address:	

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The Court's jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action is:

✓ Founded upon Federal Question Jurisdiction; specifically; ✓; Air Transport Safety & System Stabilization Act of 2001, (or); ☐ Federal Officers Jurisdiction, (or); ☐ Other (specify):; ☐ Contested, but the Court has already determined that it has removal jurisdiction over this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1441.			
	III CAUSE	S OF	ACTION
of lial law:			d defendants based upon the following theories a such a claim under the applicable substantive
	Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law(s) including §§ 200 and 240	<b>V</b>	Common Law Negligence, including allegations of Fraud and Misrepresentation
V	Breach of the defendants' duties and obligations pursuant to the New York State Labor Law 241(6)		<ul> <li>✓ Air Quality;</li> <li>✓ Effectiveness of Mask Provided;</li> <li>☐ Effectiveness of Other Safety Equipment Provided</li> </ul>
<b>V</b>	Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-a		(specify:);  ✓ Other(specify): Not yet determined
<b>V</b>	Pursuant to New York General Municipal Law §205-e		Wrongful Death
		V	Loss of Services/Loss of Consortium for Derivative Plaintiff

Other: \_

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1. As a direct and proximate result of defendant's culpable actions in the rescue and/or recovery and/or construction, renovation, alteration, demolition and all work performed at the premises, the Injured Plaintiff sustained (including, but not limited to) the following injuries:

V	Cancer Injury: Cancer Date of onset: 9/12/2006 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date		Cardiovascular Injury: N/A.  Date of onset:  Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:
V	Respiratory Injury: Respiratory Problems; Shortness of Breath Date of onset: 9/12/2006 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date	<b>V</b>	Fear of Cancer Date of onset: 9/12/2006 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date
	Digestive Injury: N/A.  Date of onset:  Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work:	<b>V</b>	Other Injury: Chronic Headaches; Fatigue Date of onset: 9/12/2006 Date physician first connected this injury to WTC work: To be supplied at a later date

*NOTE:* The foregoing is *NOT* an exhaustive list of injuries that may be alleged.

2. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries identified in paragraph "1", above, the Ground Zero-Plaintiff has in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer the following compensable damages:

damages:		
<u></u> -	Pain and suffering	
V	Loss of the enjoyment of life	
V	Loss of earnings and/or impairment of earning capacity	
V	Loss of retirement benefits/diminution of retirement benefits	
V	Expenses for medical care, treatment, and rehabilitation	
<b>✓</b>	Other:  ☑ Mental anguish ☑ Disability ☑ Medical monitoring ☑ Other: Not yet determined	

3. As a direct and proximate result of the injuries described *supra*, the derivative plaintiff(s), if any, have in the past suffered and/or will in the future suffer a loss of the love, society, companionship, services, affection, and support of the plaintiff and such other losses, injuries and damages for which compensation is legally appropriate.

**WHEREFORE**, plaintiff(s) respectfully pray that the Court enter judgment in his/her/their favor and against defendant(s) for damages, costs of suit and such other, further and different relief as may be just and appropriate.

Plaintiff(s) demands that all issues of fact in this case be tried before a properly empanelled jury.

Dated: New York, New York April 25, 2007

Yours, etc.,

Mehmel

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ATTORNEY VERIFICATION

CHRISTOPHER R. LOPALO, an attorney at law, duly admitted to practice in the Courts of the State of New York, affirms under the penalties of

perjury that:

He is the attorney for the plaintiff(s) in the above-entitled action.

That he has read the foregoing SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT and knows

the contents thereof, and upon information and belief, deponent believes

the matters alleged therein to be true.

The reason this Verification is made by deponent and not by the

plaintiff(s) is that the plaintiff(s) herein reside(s) in a county other

than the one in which the plaintiff's attorneys maintain their office.

The source of deponent's information and the grounds of his belief

CHRISTOPHER R. LOPALO

are communication, papers, reports and investigation contained in the

file.

DATED: New York, New York

April 25, 2007

Docket 1	No: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
====	ROBERT MEHMEL (AND WIFE, KATHLEEN MEHMEL),
	Plaintiff(s)
	- against -
	A RUSSO WRECKING, ET. AL.,
	Defendant(s).
====	SUMMONS AND VERIFIED COMPLAINT
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	To Attorney(s) for
	Service of a copy of the within is hereby admitted.  Dated,
	Attorney(s) for
==== ]	======================================
Γ	NOTICE OF ENTRY that the within is a (certified) true copy of an duly entered in the office of the clerk of the within named court on20
[	That an order of which the within is a true copy will be presented for settlement to the HON. one of the judges of the within named Court, at on 20 at M.
	Dated, Yours, etc., WORBY GRONER EDELMAN & NAPOLI BERN, LLP